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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, State Military Reserve

SUBJECT: State Defense Force Uniform Policy

1. The California Military and Veterans Code, Section 120 defines our State Defense Force (SDF) as the State Military Reserve (SMR). The SMR will be composed of two components; an Army Support component and an Air Support component.

2. Army Regulation 670-1, para 30-8c, authorizes State Defense Forces (SDF) to adopt the Army service and BDU uniforms, provided all service uniform buttons, cap devices, and other insignia differ significantly from that prescribed for wear by members of the U.S. Army. State insignia will not include "United States", "U.S.", "U.S. Army", or the "Great Seal of the United States". The red name tape or nameplate will include the full title of the SDF (for example, "Texas State Guard"). The utility uniforms will contain a State SDF tape in lieu of the "U.S. Army" over the left breast pocket.

3. The uniform for the SMR Army component will be the Army service and utility uniforms worn in strict accordance with AR 670-1 with the following significantly distinct changes only:

a. Army Green Class A Uniform:

- (1) The "U.S." will be replaced with gold "CA".
- (2) The "U.S. Army buttons" will be replaced with gold California State "Eureka" buttons.
- (3) The black nameplate will be replaced with a red nameplate which will read as follows:

NAME
CA State Military Reserve

b. Army Green Class B Uniform:

- (1) The black nameplate will be replaced with a red nameplate which will read as follows:

NAME
CA State Military Reserve

c. Army Utility Uniforms:

- (1) The "U.S. ARMY" tape over the left breast pocket will be replaced with a State SDF tape which will read "CALIFORNIA".

4. The uniform for the SMR Air component will be the Air Force service dress and utility uniforms and will be worn in strict accordance with AFI 36-2903 with the following significant distinct changes only:

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a. Air Force Service Dress Uniform Coat:

- (1) The "U.S." will be replaced with silver "CA".
- (2) The one line silver name tag will be replaced with a two line silver name tag which will read as follows:

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b. Short/Long Sleeve Shirt:

- (1) The one line blue name tag will be replaced with a two line blue name tag which will read as follows:

NAME
CA State Military Reserve

c. Air Force Utility Uniforms:

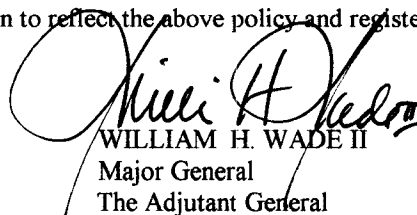
- (1) The "U.S. AIR FORCE" tape over the left breast pocket will be replaced with a State SDF tape which will read "CALIFORNIA".

5. Worn in strict accordance with AR 670-1 and AFI 36-2903 means all other provisions of those regulations, changes, supplements, or interim implementing instructions pending the next update to the regulation will be strictly followed in the wearing of these uniforms. For example the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) is being phased in as the replacement for the BDU and the SMR Army component will follow that time line for mandatory wear. The ACU will be worn in accordance with the DA message implementing its wear, to include the wearing of the American flag on the right sleeve. Other examples are the American flag will be worn on the Army BDU's, the Air component name, rank, and California will be in dark blue on the their BDU's, and all authorized federal and state awards, combat badges, special skill badges, aeronautical, chaplain, other qualification badges, etc, that an individual is authorized to wear will be worn in accordance with the respective uniform regulation.

6. No other additional changes or modifications will be made to any uniform. For example "CA" will not be worn on the shoulder marks, sweaters, jackets, or overcoats. The "CA" will only be worn on the lapels of the service uniforms to replace the "US."

7. You will develop shoulder sleeve insignias, unit pocket patches, distinguishing unit insignias, and other organizational insignias which differ distinctly from existing Army, Air Force, and National Guard insignia for the Army and Air components of the SMR. These unit insignias will be worn in accordance with the respective uniform regulation.

8. Please publish a SMR Uniform Regulation to reflect the above policy and register the uniform with the Chief, National Guard Bureau.


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